

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** 6CF6CC9C8CEEF98D

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 2000036.035

**Medium:** Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 06 April 2020

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 06 April 2020

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is a sexually explicit Hentai comic strip depicting a man involving a young girl in sexual intercourse. It is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It creates and encourages the idea that children are legitimate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire and is intended for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in children. It has the potential to be used for grooming purposes. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) be banned and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.